

**MINUTES OF THE MILLVILLE  
TOWN COUNCIL WEBINAR MEETING  
January 12, 2021 (7:00 p.m.)**

In attendance were Mayor Steve Maneri, Deputy Mayor Ronald Belinko, Treasurer Sharon Brienza (via Webinar), Secretary Barbara Ryer, Council Member Peter Michel, Town Solicitor Seth Thompson (via Webinar), Town Manager Debbie Botchie, and Town Clerk Matt Amerling.

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor Steve Maneri called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. ROLL CALL**

Mayor Steve Maneri stated everyone was present.

**4. ADOPTION OF TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**

A. Adoption of Town Council Minutes – December 8, 2020

Secretary Barbara Ryer motioned to approve the December 8, 2020, Town Council meeting minutes. Deputy Mayor Ronald Belinko seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**5. FINANCIAL REPORT – Treasurer Sharon L. Brienza**

A. December 2020

Treasurer Sharon Brienza read the Financial Report for the month ending 12/31/20.

**December 31, 2021:**

General Revenue:	\$ 113,103.	Restricted Revenue:	\$ 154,501.
General Expenses:	41,076.	Restricted Expenses:	208,084.

**6. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

A. Administrative Report for December 2020

Secretary Barbara Ryer stated, regarding the crimemapping report, the three (3) crimes for December were again very minor.

B. Charter Review Committee Report – Secretary Barbara Ryer

Secretary and Charter Review Committee Chairwoman Barbara Ryer stated the committee is finished except for Ms. Botchie who has a couple of more sections to review with Town Finance Director Lisa Wynn. Ms. Ryer stated Town Solicitor Seth Thompson has sections to review as well but is just now getting back into it as he was

majorly ill for a few weeks. Ms. Ryer stated she's confident they'll get the amendments in on time for review by State Senator Gerald Hocker Sr. and Representative Ronald Gray.

## **7. CITIZENS' PRIVILEGE**

There were no comments.

## **MOTION TO ENTER PUBLIC HEARING**

Ms. Ryer motioned to enter the public hearing at 7:04 p.m. Mr. Belinko seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Public Hearing Notice – Secretary**

### **B. Written Comments**

Town Manager Debbie Botchie stated the Town received one letter from someone who did not leave their name or address so there's no way of knowing who the letter belongs to or if they are a Millville resident. Ms. Botchie stated the Town also received one letter from Gary and Kellie Obusek, of Brandywine Drive in Millville, and Ms. Botchie read their letter except for the portion which had to do with internet as that does not fall under the purview of what is being reviewed tonight. Ms. Botchie stated she spoke with Mr. and Mrs. Obusek, and explained to them the Town has been in negotiations for nine (9) years now with Comcast; and Verizon has "flat-out" said no to coming to Millville. Ms. Botchie stated you can't make a cable company come to service your Town.

### **C. Discuss Ordinance 21-04 to authorize execution of a cable franchise agreement between the Town of Millville and Mediacom Delaware LLC.**

Mr. Christopher Lord, of Mediacom, stated he would like to respond to the Obusek's comments, and he's a little confused with some of the video on demand (VOD) questions because a lot of Mediacom's VOD content comes from the content provider. Mr. Lord stated Mediacom doesn't control the licensing of the movies and they can't control what goes on VOD. Mr. Lord stated usually Mediacom gets licenses for every big movie which is released both in high definition (HD) and standard definition (SD). Mr. Lord stated there are situations where content providers will not allow Mediacom to license certain films or shows, but Mediacom does the best it can. Mr. Lord stated as to the channels, Mediacom does have methods to request certain channels and Mediacom has to pay to carry those channels and those channels are passed onto customers at cost. Mr. Lord stated Mediacom could gladly add more channels but it would increase cost and those costs are not incremental but are substantial. Mr. Lord further stated when it comes to what specific channels Mediacom has, Mediacom has requested channels from customers in every area which if they want a specific channel, Mediacom has to go to their customer service and request said channel; that being said, Mediacom would have to have

significant requests for that channel in order to consider it so Mediacom won't add channels no one requested but at a cost to each customer. Mr. Lord stated if there is a specific channel the area of residents would like to see, Mediacom would be happy to work with the area content provider to try and get the channel.

Mr. Lord stated this contract is a non-exclusive franchise agreement so it allows the Town to negotiate with any company they see fit, and no part of this agreement prohibits another cable provider such as Comcast or Verizon from coming into Town and servicing the area. Mr. Lord stated Mediacom is happy to work together with the Town on any franchise questions the Town may have, and to continue to offer service with Millville to the best of Mediacom's abilities.

#### **D. Council Discussion**

Mr. Belinko stated he does have Mediacom's service of cable, internet and phone, and over the past year, Mr. Belinko has submitted from six (6) to eight (8) service calls to Mediacom, mainly for cable issues. Mr. Belinko stated just last night he tried to watch a football game and his wife decided to go into another room to watch a movie on demand but unfortunately, on demand was not working. Mr. Belinko further stated he is also speaking for residents who complain to him about these same issues and Mediacom really needs to improve on its service. Mr. Belinko stated every time a technician comes in to repair it, they say something else is wrong and when it is eventually fixed, two (2) hours later, Mr. Belinko's cable is having the same problem again. Mr. Belinko stated for people to have faith in Mediacom, this is really something which needs to be addressed. Mr. Belinko stated other than these issues with cable, he enjoys the channels he has access to, but he'd like to know why the on demand keeps going out. Mr. Lord stated yes, Mediacom is going to do its best to provide service which is reliable as well as "at the edge of technology" as it can. Mr. Lord stated he would like to address Mr. Belinko's concerns as well as what Mediacom has done over the last six (6) to twelve (12) months to improve overall quality of service and how Mediacom is going to commit to Millville and the entire Delaware market. Mr. Lord stated on the cable side – as well as the internet, because they are interconnected – what Mediacom has done over the past six (6) months is make some staffing changes in the Delaware market to better serve and better train their technicians. Mr. Lord stated some of the complaints they'd heard the most was how most of the technicians once they came on-site to fix issues, those technicians either weren't fully trained or fully knowledgeable to fix the issues and this would have the technician to put it off, causing the customer to have to call back about the same issues and that is not acceptable. Mr. Lord stated Mediacom has now made some staffing and training changes to make sure the technicians who come out to people's homes are getting more thoroughly trained, and every technician – from the newly hired to the veterans who've been there many years – are being trained to make sure they're fully aware of all the new technology, equipment as well as how to best serve and troubleshoot customers. Mr. Lord stated he knows this is all not an instant fix but he can assure the Town Mediacom has made improvements and Mediacom is going to continue to make improvements in the quality of their technicians and equipment they bring into this area. Mr. Lord stated he went through every Town to make sure every customer has up-to-date equipment and any

customer who has outdated equipment with modems, they have been contacted by Mediacom and offered to swap modems as long as they are rented. Mr. Lord stated any customer who has an older digital cable box, Mediacom has newer ones in stock to be replaced as it sees fit. Mr. Lord stated regarding the VOD not working, Mediacom doesn't have any wide-scale VOD issues which he has found in his research of Millville. Mr. Lord stated he went through and pulled all the "trouble call" data, how Mediacom investigated outage issues for the area, but he doesn't discount those issues were had and Mediacom does need to get those issues fixed. Mr. Lord stated they do monitor their local network operations center when they do have trouble calls put in, and they are monitoring the trouble calls on a daily basis to make sure if they do see similar trouble calls placed that they're responding immediately. Mr. Lord stated Mediacom's broadband network operations center can track outages as they happen and dispatch as they happen. Mr. Lord further stated Mediacom has increased its monitoring network to minimize problems, and they are continuing to make progress in that area, and to ensure the towns Mediacom will make progress, and continue to improve and do the best job they can. Mr. Lord stated in the future, Mediacom is going to a ten (10)-G platform and what it means for Millville is they are looking in the next two (2) to four (4) years, as technology increases and as ability in connect increases, Mediacom will match those by their 10-G platform offering ten (10) gigabyte speed symmetrical. Mr. Lord stated right now, the highest speed you can get from ninety percent (90%) of broadband providers is one (1) gigabyte – which is what Mediacom offers in its service to Millville right now; however, with the 10-G platform for upload and download throughout the market, it will have minimal impact on the community, meaning they won't have to tear up roads or polls but can utilize the same fiber and cable infrastructure which is there now. Mr. Lord stated Mediacom is currently testing out the 10-G service right now to make sure it is viable for roll out, and once providers such as Sysco starts mass producing the 10-G network infrastructure, Mediacom will be rolling it out through its Delaware market and company-wide where they offer broadband. Mr. Lord further stated locally, in homes, Mediacom is moving towards a Wi-Fi stick platform, which will increase Wi-Fi capabilities throughout the market; so the network routers in your home will continue to be upgraded to the newest platform, which are coming out and Wi-Fi sticks are a new technology and will be coming.

Ms. Ryer stated she sees a lot of Mediacom's service will go into one community but another community adjoining that community does not have Mediacom, so what happens when someone in that community without Mediacom wants the service, who do they contact? Mr. Lord stated the franchise agreement outlines Mediacom's requirement to serve, so there are certain "build out" requirements Mediacom has to abide by and if there is a home which is not served, but it falls in the serve area, Mediacom's franchise dictates they have to build out. Mr. Lord stated there are also provisions in the franchise which say if these terms are not met, and a place is too far outside Mediacom's plant to serve this area, there are other means to get that customer their service. Mr. Lord stated there are some properties which Ms. Botchie called to Mr. Lord's attention along Substation Road which do not have service, and Mediacom is looking to build it out as it is right now. Mr. Lord stated sometimes it simply falls to Mediacom not knowing there is a community or home which doesn't have Mediacom's services, and Mediacom tries to "stay up" on it.

Mr. Lord stated if there is either a new development or an old one which needs Mediacom's services, let Mediacom know and they will work with the Town to get the development service.

Ms. Brienza stated she was happy to hear Mediacom is making some staff changes in the Delaware market and retraining technicians. Ms. Brienza stated something she noticed is when she called and needed Mediacom to come out, she needed to ask for an actual Mediacom employee rather than a subcontractor. Ms. Brienza asked if the technicians are employees, subcontractors or a mix of both. Mr. Lord stated Mediacom attempts to use as many in-house Mediacom employees as possible, but there are situations and times Mediacom will bring in contractors and he can say in the Millville area it is minimal. Mr. Lord stated, depending on the situation, Mediacom has to make the decision to say "do you want to bring in some contractors to help offset that?" and when Mediacom does it, they generally put the contractors all on installation because general installations are much easier and less of an issue than the service side and troubleshooting. Mr. Lord stated now, in the off season, Mediacom is using most of its manpower of in-house technicians and there may be times they do use contractors but Mediacom is trying to use them as minimal as possible. Ms. Brienza asked if the subcontractors are going through the same training (as the employees). Mr. Lord stated yes, and Mediacom is constantly reviewing its subcontractors so if those subcontractors don't meet the standards, Mediacom will bring in someone new if there's someone in the area.

Council Member Peter Michel asked if the four (4) town managers from the area towns are the ones who came up with the seven (7)-year limit of the agreement. Ms. Botchie stated yes, the managers did it at the last negotiations with Mediacom as the term limit used to be fifteen (15) years. Mr. Michel asked if this will be the second time the limit will be seven (7) years. Ms. Botchie stated yes. Mr. Michel asked if Council can vote on making it less than seven (7) years. Ms. Botchie stated such an aspect is a part of the negotiation process. Mr. Lord stated, for Mediacom, when it comes to the number of years they choose to invest with their franchises, Mediacom prefers fifteen (15) years but here it's seven (7). Mr. Lord stated one of the reasons Mediacom likes to stay at the seven (7)-year mark is local investment; so when Mediacom is looking for areas to invest in for its infrastructure and dollars spent, and the shorter the franchise, the harder it is for Mediacom to invest more heavily. Mr. Lord stated he will not imply that Mediacom will not invest if they have a shorter term, but the shorter the term, "the more shaky the relationship is in a sense." Mr. Lord stated if Mediacom knows it's here for seven (7) years at minimum, it's a lot easier for him to say they will invest heavily here because, as opposed to someone who has a five (5)-year agreement with the same situation, it just makes more financial sense to invest in a seven (7)-year market.

Mayor Maneri stated on page twelve (12), under installation services, number five-point-two (5.2), the agreement states subcontractors and everyone else will come into a person's home with photo ID, but they are not doing that now. Mayor Maneri asked if this is something Mediacom is going to make them start doing. Mr. Lord stated they should be doing it but he will make sure it gets handled within the next thirty (30) days. Mayor Maneri stated he has seen in a few communities where the cable for Mediacom service is

just being laid on the road or on people's lawns, and it's "taken forever" for Mediacom to bury the cable underground. Mayor Maneri asked if there is a reason why it takes so long to get it buried. Mr. Lord stated Mediacom had a "slow down" with its bury contractors, so when it comes to burying, Mediacom does not handle burying and instead, Mediacom hires burying contractors to come out and do the job based upon permitting insurance and a lot of other factors. Mr. Lord stated Mediacom had a period in Millville's market where Mediacom got behind and it is something they're catching up on. Mr. Lord stated Mediacom has brought in a number of extra companies to catch up on the burying, and, right now, if Mediacom does a temporary cable, it should be buried within thirty (30) days. Mr. Lord stated they try to get it done within twenty-one (21) days but thirty (30) days right now is where their system is. Mr. Lord stated Mediacom does want to minimize those impacts to the community because exposed cable does not look good nor is it something they enjoy doing; so they will continue to maintain and expedite those "burys" as quickly as possible. Mr. Lord stated he knows Mediacom has fallen behind on it but they are committed to not fall behind again to the best of their abilities. Mayor Maneri asked if the thirty (30) days pass and it's not buried, is Mediacom punishable by anybody to have the cable buried by then? Mayor Maneri stated he has a neighbor across the street who went at least two (2) months without the cable on his lawn being buried. Mayor Maneri stated the box was hit by a snow plow and Mediacom came to put his cable service back on but left the line on top of the ground practically all winter. Mayor Maneri further stated when it came to spring time, every time his neighbor had to mow his lawn, he had to lift the cable up to go underneath it and mow. Mayor Maneri asked if there is some kind of way the Town can hold Mediacom to the thirty (30) days. Mr. Lord stated the franchise kind of outlines the "right to cure" if Mediacom violates it, but Mediacom does want to work together as a community and as a broadband and cable provider to make sure everything it can to make the Town happy. Mr. Lord stated if the Town has any residents who have unburied cable which did not meet the thirty (30) days, the Town can let Mr. Lord know directly and he will resolve it. Mr. Lord stated he would be happy to check in with the Town to see if there are any complaints about it, and Mediacom has a process in place now where their area director has to make a report on every buried cable which is reported. Mr. Lord stated one issue Mediacom found – and human error plays into this – is, like in the case of Mayor Maneri's neighbor, if a temporary cable is put in place, the Mediacom employee forgot to enter that "cable bury" and there's no way of Mediacom knowing it is needed. Mr. Lord stated Mediacom has to drive through the Town every quarter and they should be catching those, but they don't always. Mr. Lord stated when Mediacom is alerted to those situations, they expedite the bury. Mr. Lord stated Mediacom is happy to work with the Town if they ever miss any "cable burys." Mr. Michel stated on page fourteen (14) and fifteen (15) of the agreement, under customer complaint procedures, he is hearing from neighbors who are "snowbirds" that they did not get a telephone call as referenced in this section. Mr. Michel stated because those people are not here all the year round, their lifeline is the telephone and rather than receive a phone call, they return to their Millville residence months later to see a piece of mail. Mr. Michel asked if Mr. Lord could look into correcting the contact via telephone because that would help the service.

Town Solicitor Seth Thompson stated regarding the issue Mayor Maneri raised with

respect to the thirty (30) days, the thirty (30)-day time period is set out in paragraph three-point-five (3.5) so it is in there, and it includes sidewalks. Mr. Thompson stated the one letter the Town received mentioned a month-long outage in 2017 and Mr. Thompson was curious as to the backstory of it but really in the context of if the issue is capable of repetition in the future. Mr. Lord stated he is unaware of any month-long outages when he pulled any trouble call history. Mr. Lord asked when it comes to defining an outage, was it a single subscriber issue or an area-wide issue? Mr. Thompson stated it's a difficult question because it was a written comment and we can't ask the author to better flesh that out, but Mr. Thompson was curious because it strikes him as a longer period of time even if it was a few years ago. Mr. Thompson stated he is trying to think ahead so it's an issue which won't come back again. Mr. Lord stated Mediacom has never had an area-wide month-long outage in their Delaware market, where every customer is offline for thirty (30) days. Mr. Lord stated when it comes to a single outage, for customers who call in, Mediacom's average days to complete from when a customer calls in to when the issue is resolved, is two (2) to three (3) days. Mr. Lord stated if you have an issue which requires a technician to come into your home, it should be resolved within three (3) days. Mr. Lord stated there may be situations where if you have an intermittent noise problem which is hard to track, the time could be extended as Mediacom has to track that noise issue down to make sure the service is working properly. Mr. Lord stated a month long seems a little excessive, and he's not saying the person who wrote the letter is wrong, but Mr. Lord would have to research; and it could've been a compounded issue which would have had a lot of things to cause ongoing issues. Mr. Lord stated one of the issues Mediacom sees in the area which prevents them from lowering the complete time are people who don't live there full-time. Mr. Lord stated if a person has an issue, they're only there on the weekends, and not back in the area for thirty (30) days, it may be a month-long issue because no one is there and Mediacom can't get in the home to fix or address the issue.

Mr. Thompson stated, reviewing the agreement again, he picked up an edit or two, and the only thing which was technically substantive was in section three-eleven (3-11) on page ten (10), where it currently reads that Mediacom would notify adjacent property owners with respect to tree trimming and the Town within ten (10) days before performing the cutting. Mr. Thompson stated he has a feeling the intent there was to say "at least ten (10) days before performing the cutting." Mr. Thompson stated the only other item he had was on page eighteen (18), there's a parenthetical which Mr. Thompson wasn't sure if it was a comment which was just intended to describe the necessity or impetus for the new section B – and Mr. Thompson is fine with keeping it in because it gives the historical context. Mr. Lord stated the comment can be deleted and it was added just so Mr. Thompson would know where the language came from. Mr. Thompson stated he is a little interested in where the challenge stood, procedurally. Mr. Lord stated from his understanding, it is still not "been fully fleshed out yet." Mr. Lord stated the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) indicated to move forward with the order, then it was challenged, and the FCC has not made a final ruling from the courts; but he's not one-hundred percent (100%) sure of it.

#### **E. Residents/Property Owner Comments & Questions**

Mr. Glen Bonderenko, of Flagstone Lane, stated he was the one who submitted the letter which didn't have a name but he will read his letter now. Mr. Bonderenko stated he has an issue with the substantial price increases Mediacom continually imposes on their "bundled services." Mr. Bonderenko stated in May 2020, he received an increase of fourteen dollars and eighty-one cents (\$14.81) for "bundled services," and in June 2020, he received an additional increase of five dollars and nineteen cents (\$5.19) for "bundled services," making a total increase of twenty dollars (\$20.00) per month. Mr. Bonderenko stated he received another notice this month stating he'll receive another twenty-dollar (\$20) increase come May 2021. Mr. Bonderenko stated the cost of internet and cable services is high, but there doesn't seem to be any relief from what he considers to be excessive annual increases. Mr. Bonderenko stated he would like to remain a Mediacom customer but there comes a point where the cost is unsustainable for him and others, and it appears Mediacom will continue to push higher pricing each year. Mr. Bonderenko further stated he recently received a letter from Mediacom explaining they must purchase their services from content providers and are "at the mercy of" the content providers to avoid blackouts, justifying Mediacom's price increases. Mr. Bonderenko stated other companies such as Comcast, however, face the same issues as Mediacom and, for the twenty-one (21) years Mr. Bonderenko was a Comcast customer with the same "bundled services," never did he receive the same level of price increases from Comcast. Mr. Bonderenko stated since moving to Delaware three (3) years ago, he has had to call customer service at least once per year to try and keep his billing reasonable. Mr. Bonderenko asked if Mediacom customers are supposed to absorb these kinds of annual increases for the next twenty (20) years or longer. Mr. Bonderenko stated companies are in business to make a profit, but he feels Mediacom is taking unfair advantage of its customers in Millville because they are currently the only cable provider available. Mr. Bonderenko stated his hope for saying all of this is that Millville and Mediacom can work together and find a solution to keeping costs and cost increases within reason.

Mr. Lord stated, when it comes to rate increases, Mediacom doesn't necessarily set their rate with which they can control with content providers. Mr. Lord stated when it comes to cable television rates, Mediacom is "at the mercy of" content providers. Mr. Lord stated if the content providers choose to raise the prices for their channels, Mediacom has to raise their prices to match it. Mr. Lord stated Mediacom has fought extensively to push back those, and Mediacom is currently in those fights right now in a couple of areas with content providers. Mr. Lord further stated what it comes down to is if Mediacom and the content providers can't agree on the pricing or negotiate a price Mediacom finds fair, those channels get blacked out. Mr. Lord stated Mediacom currently has blackouts in some markets because of this exact situation, and Mediacom doesn't want to continue to just raise pricing "across the board"; but they also don't want to drop channels and lose choices for customers. Mr. Lord stated regarding the twenty-dollar (\$20) issue, he would love to have a conversation with Mr. Bonderenko because Mediacom's rate increases for the year were not twenty dollars (\$20) across the board, but there is two (\$2) to four dollar (\$4) increases for some packages. Mr. Lord stated the twenty dollars (\$20) may be coupled with a promotion ending at the same time, which is not for the entire Town but would be for a single account; and Mr. Lord would be happy to review it and discuss it with Mr. Bonderenko whenever is most convenient for him. Mr. Lord provided his phone



number and email address to Mr. Bonderenko for correspondence.

### **MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING**

Mr. Belinko motioned to close the public hearing at 7:59 p.m. Ms. Ryer seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**F. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible vote on Ordinance 21-04.**

- **Mayor Maneri will request an individual vote**

Mr. Michel asked if the Town gets the customer complaint reports. Ms. Botchie stated the Town does not get them. Ms. Ryer motioned to approve Ordinance 21-04. Mr. Belinko seconded the motion. Mr. Belinko voted yes. Ms. Ryer voted yes due to the non-exclusive provision which allows other cable providers to come into Town whenever that happens. Ms. Brienza voted yes. Mr. Michel voted yes. Mayor Maneri voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

**G. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible vote on the opening of the Evans Park at Millville playground and exercise equipment, excluding the community center.**

Ms. Ryer stated she is happy to hear the park will be open and there will be signs posted which will release the Town of any responsibility for damages and children will be playing at their own risk. Ms. Ryer stated this pandemic has been horrible for everyone and children need to get out and get exercise; so Ms. Ryer is all for opening the playground with signs posted. Mr. Belinko asked what exact date was proposed for the opening of the playground and exercise equipment. Ms. Botchie stated she was aiming for March 1, 2021, but it is dependent on the pickleball courts being completed and the Town has already contacted the contractor to let him know the Town is pushing hard to get the courts done prior to March 1. Mr. Belinko stated he agrees with Ms. Ryer due to the precautions being put in place, because we don't know how much longer this pandemic is going to continue. Mr. Belinko stated he knows the youngsters in the community keeping talking about the park in Millville, so he knows they want it open; plus there are people playing pickleball in Bishop's Landing tonight so he knows the park courts would be popular as well. Mr. Belinko stated as long as precautions are upheld and the Town sanitizes the equipment, he's also in support of opening the playground and exercise equipment. Mayor Maneri stated he doesn't know why it took this long to open the park as Council kept arguing with him and we're still in the same phase, but now Council wants to open it. Mayor Maneri stated he wants to make sure the equipment is all sanitized and every time it's sanitized, there is a written record of it. Mayor Maneri stated he would like for the equipment – including the door handles of the community building and restroom/maintenance building – be sanitized two (2) days a week. Mayor Maneri stated if the park playground and outside amenities are to be open, the restrooms should remain closed. Ms. Botchie stated with no crew, it would be difficult to keep the restrooms clean enough to standards. Mr. Belinko stated he agrees with Mayor Maneri regarding the restrooms as those would have to be sanitized practically every other hour. Mr. Michel stated with bathrooms closed, "the little boys may have no problem, but the

little ladies probably are going to have a problem”; and if the park is open, the restrooms should also be open, and the Town needs to have the restrooms cleaned every day. Mr. Belinko stated it would go beyond cleaning every day and would be more like cleaning every two (2) hours.

Mayor Maneri stated he wants to see Council driving down Dukes Drive every once and a while and checking on the park because no one has been looking down that road – none of Council has been going down that road. Mayor Maneri stated he’s tired of picking up the barricades on the ground and it’s up to everyone else to pick them up too. Mr. Belinko stated the barricades are down when he goes to the park and he puts them up when he leaves. Mayor Maneri stated the Town can have a “soft opening” for the park for now, and the grand opening will happen when the building can be opened too. Mayor Maneri stated if the contractor is still installing the pickleball courts, the Town might have to close off that area. Ms. Ryer asked Ms. Botchie if the pickleball courts would be done by March 1. Ms. Botchie stated it is the contractor’s hope he’ll have it done by March 1. Mr. Belinko stated the Town will also have to make sure the surfaces around the playground, challenge course, pickleball courts and exercise equipment also get sanitized. Mayor Maneri stated he agreed and he would like the external door handles to the community building and maintenance/restroom building sprayed as well. Mayor Maneri stated he would also like a good record of when exactly every sanitization spraying occurs. Mr. Belinko asked if a defibrillator has to be on-site. Mr. Thompson stated he is not familiar on that requirement but he can get an answer pretty quickly. Mayor Maneri stated he wants the park closed on the day when the contractor puts up the fencing around the pickleball courts as there are holes and he doesn’t want anyone to get hurt.

Mr. Belinko motioned to approve the opening of the Evans Park at Millville playground and exercise equipment on March 1, 2021, with appropriate sanitization and signage posted. Ms. Ryer seconded the motion. Mr. Belinko voted yes. Ms. Ryer voted yes. Mr. Michel voted no. Ms. Brienza voted yes. Mayor Maneri voted yes. Motion carried 4-1.

#### **9. CITIZENS’ PRIVILEGE**

There were no comments.

#### **10. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING - Town Council Workshop Mtg., January 26, 2021**

#### **11. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Belinko motioned to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. Ms. Ryer seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,  
Matt Amerling, Town Clerk